Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is a matter of opinion.

Murder cases reported to the police in 1108.

41. Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of murder cases reported to the Police in 1108;

(b) how many of those were charge-sheeted and how many were convicted?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) 11.

10 (the remaining one was finally reported as the accused committed suicide immediately after committing the offence).

(b) 7 (one case is pending trial).

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Was it on account of any defect in the investigation made by the Police Officers that the two cases resulted in acquittal?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—In one case the accused was insane. In the other the approver turned hostile.

Motor accidents in the State.

42. Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of motor accidents in the State during the years 1106, 1107 and 1108 respectively?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—

In 1106 47.
In 1107 82.
In 1108 66.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Was any enquiry made into the process of these accidents during the various years?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—In every case enquiry was made and then only punishment was given.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Were the delinquents in the case properly punished to prevent recurrence of such accidents?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Unbudgetted works above Rs. 100 undertaken by Panchayats in 1108.

43. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the items of works above Rs. 100 undertaken by the Panchayats in 1108 for which no provision was made in the budget with the amount spent for each item?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—A list containing the information is appended (*Appendix V*).

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